

There are serious challenges facing our country and the world due to our dependence on oil and increasing greenhouse gas emissions; therefore, I am committed to creating a comprehensive energy policy that provides our country with the power we need while curbing global warming. We must act now to establish reliable, renewable, and affordable energy sources for the future.

As you may know, Congress and the Obama Administration have already focused a great deal of attention on the need for significant changes in our energy and environmental policies. The House Energy and Commerce Committee has been working tirelessly to create a bipartisan clean energy bill that will combat global warming, stop our dependence on foreign oil, create jobs in the United States and cut energy costs. In order to reach these goals, we are debating proposals to promote clean energy sources and other technologies, to promote energy efficiency, to curb global warming by placing limits on greenhouse gas emissions, and to protect consumers and industry during this important transition in our energy sector.

I also believe it is important to address excessive speculation in the energy markets as it is one of the principle causes of increasing gas prices. I support increased regulation and transparency while reducing manipulation in the energy markets in order to reduce gas prices.

I understand that curbing global warming is an urgent matter, and I understand the need for strong U.S. leadership in this battle. I will continue to fight for measures to minimize our nation's emissions, stimulate investment in clean energy alternatives, and ultimately halt global climate change. While the country faces the challenges of a changing climate and a changing economy, I believe we must all do our part to make educated choices regarding our energy sources and our energy usage